

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY
OF SEBASTOPOL**HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 17, 2002

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the city of Sebastopol, in the heart of western Sonoma County, CA, on the occasion of its 100th anniversary.

The earliest residents of the Sebastopol area were members of the Miwok and Pomo tribes who traversed the old trail between Petaluma and Santa Rosa, making seasonal camps on the banks of the Laguna de Santa Rosa. The present community began as the town of Pine Grove, a trading post established in the early 1950s. The name Sebastopol originated in a protracted fist fight between two residents, Stevens and Hibbs. Hibbs sought sanctuary in Dougherty's store while Stevens waited for him outside. Citizens likened the fight to the "siege of Sevastopol," a reference to the Crimean War then raging abroad.

The town grew as an agricultural center, producing apples, hops, and berries and was chosen by Luther Burbank as the site of his famous Experiment Farm. In the 1890s, Sebastopol became an important railroad crossroads, with a market center and meeting place for Western Sonoma County. This increased prosperity and population led to the incorporation of the city of Sebastopol on June 13, 1902.

The city has continued to thrive, surviving the 1906 earthquake, the Great Depression, the waning of the railroad era, and the many other challenges of the 20th century. It has maintained its rural character, surrounded by natural beauty and blessed with a mild climate and fertile soil. In recent years, its policies in becoming a nuclear free zone, creating a people-friendly downtown, and exploring the viability of renewable energy sources have set a standard for other progressive cities to emulate.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the city of Sebastopol on its centennial and know that it will continue to maintain its unique character as a special place in Sonoma County, CA.

TRIBUTE TO BRUNO AND LENA
DEGOL**HON. BILL SHUSTER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

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Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Bruno and Lena DeGol for receiving the National Humanitarian Award from the American Rescue Workers. This award distinguishes them as citizens that take a personal interest in bettering their community and providing others the necessary resources to accomplish this goal. Since the beginning of their business careers, the DeGols have been supportive of many different organizations. As their businesses advanced, they pursued more outlets through which they could provide financial assistance and any needed help to other local institutions.

To consolidate their giving, in 1994 they established the Bruno and Lena DeGol Family

Foundation. The foundation is doing a great number of wonderful things for the community. I would like to mention just a few examples of what the foundation has provided throughout the years. They have donated \$2 million to St. Francis College's capital campaign, making a new gymnasium possible; they have made several donations to local churches for building improvements and renovations; each year they host a child for a trip through the Make a Wish Foundation; and they have given computer equipment and other educational materials for local elementary and secondary schools. In addition to giving to these and other worthy organizations, the DeGols also focus their giving to local individuals that are in need of assistance due to illness or other hardships.

Bruno and Lena DeGol lead a life of altruism and possess an exceptionally generous spirit. They touch the lives of countless individuals by providing resources to institutions and individuals in need for no other reason than their desire to help others. Bruno DeGol has said that he wants to leave this world a better place than he found it. Their community certainly is a better place because of their contributions and efforts. The DeGols are individuals that truly represent and embody what the National Humanitarian Award stands for, which is "People Helping People." I would like to congratulate them once again for this award and thank them for all they have done. I wish them the very best of luck in all their future endeavors.

HONORING MR. AND MRS. NURY

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Massud and Zarrin Nury on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Mr. Massud S. Nury and Miss. Zarrin Shanin both emigrated from Iran to the United States. They were married on December 22, 1951, in San Francisco. Mr. Nury attended the University of California at Berkeley and Davis. He graduated with his B.S. and M.S. degrees in food science. The Nurys moved to Fresno in 1953. Mr. Nury started at Vie-Del Company, a California winery, in 1953 as a research chemist. Later he became President and in 1990 purchased Vie-Del Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Nury have 3 daughters and 9 grandchildren. They have been and are currently involved with the following organizations: Wine Institute, American Society of Enology and Viticulture, Fresno Philharmonic, Community Hospitals of Central California, Fresno Business Council, Institute of Food Technologists and various other organizations.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Nury on their 50 years of marriage. I encourage my colleagues to join me in wishing the Nurys many more years of health and happiness.

TRIBUTE TO RON JENNINGS

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, let me take this means to congratulate and pay tribute to Ron Jennings of Sedalia, MO, who has been a reporter and weekly columnist for the Sedalia Democrat for 30 years. He has distinguished himself, the Sedalia community and the State of Missouri with dedicated service.

Ron Jennings started work at the Sedalia Democrat on June 1, 1972. Since then he has covered stories large and small that have touched upon virtually every facet of life in Sedalia, Pettis County, and much of the surrounding area. He is a devoted family man, a pillar of his church and a man whose openness and sincerity have won him loyal readers and a multitude of friends over three decades of newspapering. Ron is the one person most identified with the Sedalia Democrat's new operation.

Mr. Speaker, Ron Jennings has been dedicated to making the city of Sedalia and the State of Missouri a better place to live. I am certain that my colleagues will join me in wishing Ron all the best.

A TRIBUTE TO DIANE E. HARRIS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Diane E. Harris. She has been a mother to all of the children in her community and for that we commend her today.

Diane was born and raised on Staten Island in the borough of Richmond. She received her formal education at Port Richmond High School and then attended Hunter College where she majored in Sociology/Education. She has dedicated herself to working with children for over 27 years.

She has held positions as a counselor for Henry Street Settlement, as an assistant director for Markham YMCA, and as an assistant director for Richmond Continental Color Guard. In 1979, she joined the United Activities Unlimited at the Joseph R. Garcia PAL Center as a program director and was later promoted to director of this Center in the New Brighton community of Staten Island. In 1999, Ms. Harris became the director of the Schwartz Police Athletic League Center in East New York, Brooklyn.

Diane has developed a tremendous bond with the families of East New York. She has had experiences that have broadened her horizons and enabled her to embrace both her past training and academic knowledge to coordinate a full academic, recreational, cultural, and therapeutic program.

She has received numerous community service and humanitarian awards, including the Richmond Continental Instructor Extraordinaire, the S.I. Hope, the Staten Island League for Better Government, and the Youth Services Planning Committee of CB#5.

She is not only a mother to her community, but also a mother to her own two sons, John III and JoVaughn.